

## Hugo Post Office

**Hugo Post Office: 1896 - 1956** Hugo's history is rooted in farming, orcharding, lumbering, and railroading. Its first name, Gravel Pit Station, was a railroad name after the railroad was built in 1883. Its name change came with its first post office in 1896.

The following information is from the December 1895 Hugo Location Paper No. 1011 filed by Thess May Hall Henry to the Post Office Department, Office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Appointment Division, Washington, D. C.



- The Hugo Post Office was named after a local homesteader, Hugo Garber.

- It will be on or near route No. Oregon California R. R., being the route from San Francisco, California to Portland, Oregon, on which the mail is now carried 14 times per week.

- The name of the nearest creek is Meaple [Maple] Creek.

- The proposed office will be 6 miles from said river [Rogue River], on the East side of it, and will be nearly on said nearest creek, on the South side of it.

- The Post Office will be on the East side of the O & C R. R. [Oregon & California Railroad] track, about 30 feet from it. There is at present a flag station called Gravel Pit, but name will be changed to Hugo.

- Give the population to be supplied by the proposed office. — Ans. 30

## Hugo Postmasters

Hugo had the following Postmasters. The dates are when they assumed charge of their duties.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Hugo PO By Railroad Tracks: 1896 - 1914

Thess May Hall Henry	August 22, 1896
William L. Henry	October 29, 1897

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hugo PO In Hugo Supply Co.: 1914 - 1956

William Mackenzie	November 3, 1914
Oscar A. Grimm	August 14, 1915
Pearl B. Penny (Acting)	April 7, 1917
Pearl B. Penny	February 12, 1918
Miss Helen M. Coburn	May 31, 1926
Mrs Helen M. Rivers	May 23, 1937

(name change by marriage)



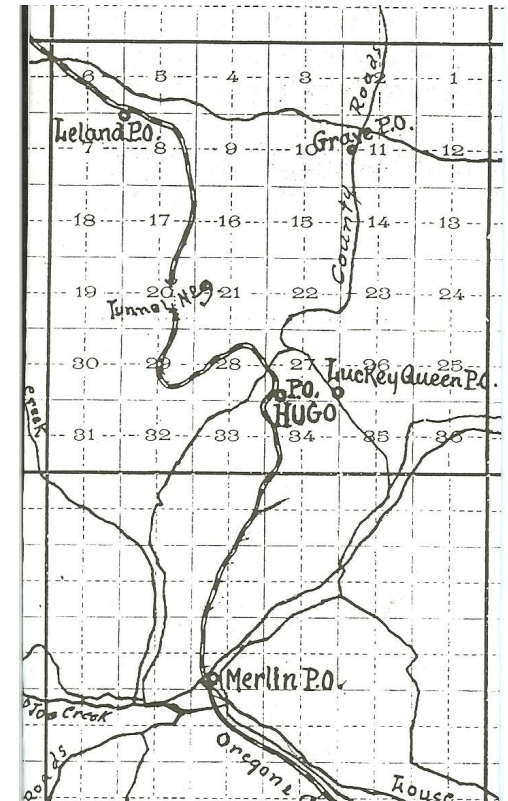
Hugo, Oregon: 1916

*1st Hugo Post Office - Building on Right*  
*2nd Hugo Post Office - Middle White Building*

William Mackenzie	November 16, 1942
Mrs. Agnes M. Mackenzie	April 1, 1943
Post Office Closed	January 31, 1956

## More Information

1901 "Ripe straw-berries at Hugo Post Office." *Rogue River Courier*. May 16, 1901. [Hugo Items](#).



1895 Proposed Hugo Post Office  
 National Archives & Records Administration

**More Information.** Contact an officer of the *Hugo Neighborhood* if you are interested in becoming involved in the history of our area.

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## Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

### Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote the social welfare of the citizens of the area by working to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and by preserving, protecting, and enhancing the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors.

Its history mission is to educate, collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Voluntary membership dues are \$10.00 annually and will be used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications and mailings. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them our Treasurer. Send us your e-mail address if you want to know what we are doing.

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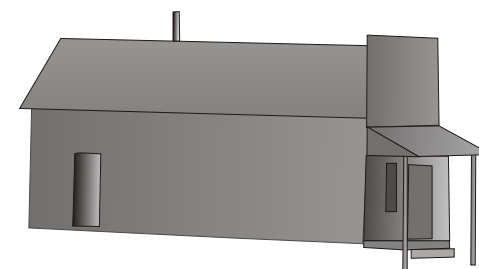
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